Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2010

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended May 15, 2010, there were 534,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during May 2010, an increase of 12,400 from April 2010 and 4,000 more than the number employed in May 2009.

Agricultural employment was 44,700 persons in May 2010, up 3,400 from the April 2010 level but 800 less than the May 2009 agricultural employment level of 45,500. Non-agricultural employment was 489,400 persons in May 2010. This is an increase of 9,000 from the April 2010 non-agriculture employment level of 480,400 and 4,800 more than May 2009.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2010 was 5.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.8 percentage points from the April 2010 rate of 5.8 percent but 0.1 percentage points higher than the May 2009 level of 4.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 8,200 to 562,400 persons in May 2010 from 554,200 persons in April 2010. This is 4,700 more than the May 2009 labour force of persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.9 percentage points to 71.2 percent in May 2010 from 70.3 percent in April 2010. The May 2009 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.7 percent.

There were 28,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2010. This is a decrease of 4,100 from April 2010 but is 700 more than the number unemployed in May 2009.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 526,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2010, down 1,800 from the April 2010 level of 527,800 and is up 4,400 from the May 2009 employment level of 521,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2010 was 5.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the April 2010 rate of percent but 0.1 percentage points higher than the May 2009 rate of 4.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 348,500 persons in May 2010 to 17,232,900 persons from 16,884,400 persons in April 2010. In May 2009, there were 16,952,300 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points to 8.3 percent from the April 2010 level of 8.7 percent. In May 2009, Canada's unemployment rate was 8.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.1 percent in May 2010. This is 0.0 percentage points higher than April 2010 but 0.4 percentage points lower than the May 2009 level of 8.5 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	May 2010	April 2010	May 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,795.9	18,429.6	18,564.2	366.3	231.7
Employed ('000)	17,232.9	16,884.4	16,952.3	348.5	280.6
Full-Time ('000)	13,946.2	13,484.7	13,689.9	461.5	256.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,286.7	3,399.7	3,262.4	-113.0	24.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,563.0	1,545.1	1,611.9	17.9	-48.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	8.4	8.7	-0.1	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.1	8.1	8.5	0.0	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	66.7	68.1	1.3	-0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	562.4	554.2	557.7	8.2	4.7
Employed ('000)	534.1	521.7	530.1	12.4	4.0
Full-Time ('000)	437.6	422.7	432.2	14.9	5.4
Part-Time ('000)	96.5	99.1	97.8	-2.6	-1.3
Unemployed ('000)	28.3	32.4	27.6	-4.1	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.8	4.9	-0.8	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.2	4.9	-0.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.2	70.3	71.7	0.9	-0.5
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Labour Force ('000)	2,157.8	2,119.8	2,151.6	38.0	6.2
Employed ('000)	2,005.9	1,958.1	2,000.7	47.8	5.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,672.7	1,596.7	1,647.4	76.0	25.3
Part-Time ('000)	333.2	361.4	353.3	-28.2	-20.1
Unemployed ('000)	151.9	161.8	150.9	-9.9	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.6	7.0	-0.6	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	7.4	6.7	-0.8	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	74.0	72.8	75.4	1.2	-1.4
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	665.0	648.1	645.4	16.9	19.6
Employed ('000)	627.8	614.7	615.7	13.1	12.1
Full-Time ('000)	508.1	488.3	500.1	19.8	8.0
Part-Time ('000)	119.7	126.4	115.7	-6.7	4.0
Unemployed ('000)	37.2	33.4	29.7	3.8	7.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.2	4.6	0.4	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	4.9	4.9	0.8	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	71.2	69.5	70.1	1.7	1.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May 2010	April 2010	May 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	562.4	554.2	557.7	8.2	4.7
Male	301.6	296.3	296.1	5.3	5.5
Female	260.8	257.9	261.6	2.9	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	102.2	92.7	106.3	9.5	-4.1
25+ Years of age	460.3	461.4	451.4	-1.1	8.9
EMPLOYED ('000)	534.1	521.7	530.1	12.4	4.0
Male	286.2	276.5	279.0	9.7	7.2
Female	247.9	245.2	251.0	2.7	-3.1
15-24 Years of Age	92.5	82.8	94.0	9.7	-1.5
25+ Years of age	441.6	438.9	436.0	2.7	5.6
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	28.3	32.4	27.6	-4.1	0.7
Male	15.4	19.8	17.1	-4.4	-1.7
Female	12.9	12.7	10.6	0.2	2.3
15-24 Years of Age	9.6	9.9	12.3	-0.3	-2.7
25+ Years of age	18.6	22.5	15.4	-3.9	3.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.0	5.8	4.9	-0.8	0.1
Male	5.1	6.7	5.8	-1.6	-0.7
Female	4.9	4.9	4.1	0.0	0.8
15-24 Years of Age	9.4	10.7	11.6	-1.3	-2.2
25+ Years of age	4.0	4.9	3.4	-0.9	0.6
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	71.2	70.3	71.7	0.9	-0.5
Male	77.3	76.1	77.2	1.2	0.1
Female	65.3	64.6	66.3	0.7	-1.0
15-24 Years of Age	74.0	67.0	76.3	7.0	-2.3
25+ Years of age	70.7	71.0	70.7	-0.3	0.0

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	May 2010	April 2010	May 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	44.7	41.3	45.5	3.4	-0.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.7	24.4	21.6	1.3	4.1
Utilities	4.6	4.7	4.7	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	42.2	37.4	38.8	4.8	3.4
Manufacturing	31.5	31.1	29.3	0.4	2.2
Trade	78.9	78.6	82.3	0.3	-3.4
Transportation and Warehousing	26.2	25.8	24.3	0.4	1.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.1	30.3	30.2	0.8	0.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.2	25.9	22.9	-0.7	2.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.6	12.3	12.4	1.3	1.2
Educational Services	41.7	41.4	41.5	0.3	0.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	66.6	67.5	64.8	-0.9	1.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.2	18.3	21.8	0.9	-2.6
Accommodation and Food Services	30.2	32.2	33.2	-2.0	-3.0
Other Services	22.9	22.6	24.3	0.3	-1.4
Public Administration	30.0	28.0	32.6	2.0	-2.6
Total	534.1	521.7	530.1	12.4	4.0
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	437.6	422.7	432.2	14.9	5.4
Part-Time	96.5	99.1	97.8	-2.6	-1.3
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	430.9	419.7	430.9	11.2	0.0
Public Sector	132.3	130.2	136.8	2.1	-4.5
Private Sector	298.6	289.4	294.1	9.2	4.5
Self-Employed	103.3	102.0	99.2	1.3	4.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May 2010	April 2010	May 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,232.9	16,884.4	16,952.3	348.5	280.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	230.4	209.8	215.7	20.6	14.7
Prince Edward Island	73.5	68.5	71.7	5.0	1.8
Nova Scotia	464.0	447.3	460.6	16.7	3.4
New Brunswick	369.3	355.2	370.4	14.1	-1.1
Quebec	3,936.8	3,860.1	3,888.3	76.7	48.5
Ontario	6,688.8	6,561.5	6,530.0	127.3	158.8
Manitoba	627.8	614.7	615.7	13.1	12.1
Saskatchewan	534.1	521.7	530.1	12.4	4.0
Alberta	2,005.9	1,958.1	2,000.7	47.8	5.2
British Columbia	2,302.3	2,287.4	2,269.2	14.9	33.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.3	8.4	8.7	-0.1	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.0	17.8	15.8	-3.8	-1.8
Prince Edward Island	9.6	12.7	11.5	-3.1	-1.9
Nova Scotia	9.1	9.5	9.2	-0.4	-0.1
New Brunswick	9.9	9.9	9.4	0.0	0.5
Quebec	7.8	8.7	8.5	-0.9	-0.7
Ontario	9.3	8.7	9.8	0.6	-0.5
Manitoba	5.6	5.2	4.6	0.4	1.0
Saskatchewan	5.0	5.8	4.9	-0.8	0.1
Alberta	7.0	7.6	7.0	-0.6	0.0
British Columbia	7.7	7.4	7.8	0.3	-0.1

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	May 2010	April 2010	May 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,096.6	17,071.9	16,812.6	24.7	284.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	226.9	219.3	213.1	7.6	13.8
Prince Edward Island	70.7	72.6	68.9	-1.9	1.8
Nova Scotia	457.3	453.8	455.0	3.5	2.3
New Brunswick	366.0	367.3	365.9	-1.3	0.1
Quebec	3,909.3	3,914.6	3,862.4	-5.3	46.9
Ontario	6,633.3	6,615.6	6,473.1	17.7	160.2
Manitoba	620.4	619.0	608.3	1.4	12.1
Saskatchewan	526.0	527.8	521.6	-1.8	4.4
Alberta	1,994.1	1,979.4	1,988.0	14.7	6.1
British Columbia	2,292.5	2,302.6	2,256.4	-10.1	36.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.1	8.1	8.5	0.0	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.8	15.0	15.1	-1.2	-1.3
Prince Edward Island	10.7	9.5	12.8	1.2	-2.1
Nova Scotia	8.7	8.6	8.8	0.1	-0.1
New Brunswick	8.8	8.5	8.6	0.3	0.2
Quebec	8.0	7.9	8.8	0.1	-0.8
Ontario	8.9	8.8	9.5	0.1	-0.6
Manitoba	5.7	4.9	4.9	0.8	0.8
Saskatchewan	5.0	5.2	4.9	-0.2	0.1
Alberta	6.6	7.4	6.7	-0.8	-0.1
British Columbia	7.5	7.3	7.6	0.2	-0.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	May 2010	April 2010	May 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.2	8.3	8.3	-0.1	-0.1
Halifax	5.9	6.1	6.3	-0.2	-0.4
Saint John	7.9	7.5	6.1	0.4	1.8
Quebec	5.9	5.3	4.6	0.6	1.3
Montreal	9.1	9.5	9.7	-0.4	-0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.4	5.9	6.2	0.5	0.2
Greater Sudbury	9.1	9.9	8.5	-0.8	0.6
Toronto	9.5	9.2	9.3	0.3	0.2
Winnipeg	5.7	5.6	5.0	0.1	0.7
Regina	4.7	4.8	3.9	-0.1	0.8
Saskatoon	5.9	5.5	5.2	0.4	0.7
Calgary	7.6	7.6	6.7	0.0	0.9
Edmonton	7.7	7.9	6.3	-0.2	1.4
Vancouver	7.6	7.5	7.0	0.1	0.6
Victoria	5.5	6.2	6.2	-0.7	-0.7
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	159.8	157.3	156.0	2.5	3.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.9	53.1	54.3	0.8	-0.4
Saskatoon-Biggar	171.8	171.3	169.4	0.5	2.4
Yorkton-Melville	42.1	41.2	39.3	0.9	2.8
Prince Albert & Northern	97.7	96.9	99.0	0.8	-1.3

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Mar-May 2010	Feb-Apr 2010	Mar-May 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	555.4	548.6	545.4	6.8	10.0
Employed ('000)	524.3	518.2	516.7	6.1	7.6
Unemployed ('000)	31.2	30.4	28.7	0.8	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.5	5.3	0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	69.7	70.2	0.7	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	65.8	66.5	0.7	0.0
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	514.1	508.7	505.2	5.4	8.9
Employed ('000)	488.5	483.9	482.1	4.6	6.4
Unemployed ('000)	25.5	24.8	23.1	0.7	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.9	4.6	0.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.9	70.3	70.7	0.6	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	66.9	67.5	0.5	-0.1
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	41.3	39.9	40.2	1.4	1.1
Employed ('000)	35.7	34.3	34.5	1.4	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.6	14.0	14.1	-0.4	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	64.7	62.5	64.4	2.2	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	55.9	53.8	55.4	2.1	0.5
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	17.0	16.3	16.9	0.7	0.1
Employed ('000)	13.7	12.9	14.0	0.8	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	3.3	2.8	0.0	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.2	20.5	16.8	-1.3	2.4
Participation Rate (%)	58.8	56.5	59.9	2.3	-1.1
Employment Rate (%)	47.6	45.0	49.8	2.6	-2.2
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Labour Force ('000)	23.9	23.3	23.2	0.6	0.7
Employed ('000)	21.5	21.0	20.4	0.5	1.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.2	2.8	0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	9.7	12.2	0.2	-2.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	67.2	68.1	2.0	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	62.3	60.7	59.8	1.6	2.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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